

CRASH COST 172 MILLIONS

What is the cost of automobile accidents? For 1941 the California cost of deaths alone would approximate \$182,000,000! There were about 3,600 fatalities and each death is worth \$45,000 on the basis of findings of the National Safety Council.

The property loss for each accident would be at least \$100, or \$4,950,000.

Loss of time from work by the injured was 420,000 working days, and at \$10 per day this would amount to \$4,200,000 in wages.

Medical costs for the injured would run another \$1,400,000. The grand total is \$172,550,000, which does not even include the thousands of additional wrecks in which only property damage was involved.

MOTORCYCLIST HURT

While riding his motorcycle west on 190th st. Sunday Charles Allen, 18, 705-A Sartori ave., skidded and the resultant fall hospitalized him with a broken ankle.

INCREASE IN SHIPS

Output of merchant vessels in the United States has increased 70 per cent since 1940, the department of commerce reports.

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Governor Asks All Residents to Be on Alert

Fear that enemy war planes or submarines may again attempt to shell California has prompted Governor Culbert L. Olson to voice an appeal to residents, particularly those living along the coastline to be ever on the alert.

Anyone sighting a suspicious plane, submarine, or warship is urged to immediately notify the nearest police or sheriff's office.

"Now that we know enemy ships are once again close to our shores, the vigilance of all citizens in the coastal areas is urgently required, and promptness in reporting enemy activities may result in the saving of lives and property," Gov. Olson said.

Two Guardsmen Named Sergeants

Two members of Company H, California State Guard — "Torrance-Lomita's Own" — were appointed sergeants this week as the unit continued to expand and seek new recruits. They were Robert Lewellen, Sr., of Torrance and Charles C. Ray of Lomita.

The company maintains day and night headquarters at the Torrance city park, where Corporal Joseph LaPorte is stationed to answer any inquiries regarding enlistment. Regular drills are held and the company now has most of its equipment.

5,000,000 TRUCKS IN U. S.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, there were on the highways only 328,000 trucks — largely truck bodies on passenger car chassis. Today there are about 5,000,000 trucks in use in this country.

Walteria Group Prepared for Any Emergency

Bring on your air raids — Walteria, at least, is ready for 'em! Having established a well-equipped emergency field hospital at the residence of Dr. J. L. Frisby at 24252 Neece ave., the committee in charge of supplies and accounts of the Walteria Emergency Group has reported its work is completed for the present time. Members of the committee are Mrs. Anne Loughridge, chairman; Mrs. S. J. Cox and Miss Marie Spaulding.

The Emergency Group reports that it was ready for any eventuality during the "incident" of Feb. 25. The various committees have performed their duties exceptionally well and the numerous donors have been very generous in contributing money and supplies.

"We believe Walteria to be the only community in this area to possess its own complete emergency aid unit, with its own surgical first aid staff auxiliary workers, ambulance facilities and base hospital completely sponsored by residents themselves," Mrs. Paul Stonecker, secretary, said this week.

The benefit dance held at the Horse and Buggy Days Dance Club in Redondo Beach was successful. The use of the hall was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Crow of Walteria and the orchestra volunteered its services as a donation to the good work.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS!

Significant Statements by Interesting Californians

DR. W. W. BAUER, in S. F. lecture on wartime diet — "Nutrition is a major home front weapon. But don't be too serious about it. Be healthy for fun. And remember that no diet, however scientifically correct, is adequate without a good cook."

E. C. FLEHARTY, publisher Patterson Irrigator — "These times give great opportunity to the pessimists. But there are few of these in America today. We are facing what may come stout-hearted and confident of the ultimate victory."

HARRY MICHAEL PITMAN, Alameda engineer, offering to right the Normandie for the Navy — "It's a simple matter. Just a lot of 'right' but you can move the earth if you can get a hold on it."

LIEUT. DAVID BRAMSON, editor Fort MacArthur post paper — "We think women are wonderful until they start putting on uniforms. They shouldn't do that to us men. We wear the pants well enough, in the Army or out of it."

No Sugar Shortage for Home Canning

There will be no shortage of sugar for home canning next summer. This assurance, which will be welcomed by California housewives, was received this week from Washington.

A. E. Bowman, chief of the sugar section of the War Production Board, says housewives should not buy sugar for summer canning needs at this time, as there is no indication that there will be any shortage for this purpose.

The census bureau announces that the death rate for children one to four years of age has been cut more than 75 per cent in the last 40 years.

Hobby Now Serves Two Defense Purposes

Pistol Range Makes Model Bomb Shelter

When Max Felker built his home at 1010 Beech ave. two years ago, in collaboration with G. C. McAlister, local architect, he provided for his hobby not realizing that this provision was to serve a two-fold national defense emergency use.

He well knew that in designing a home it is as important to provide for hobbies as for any other main family requirement. Felker is an expert marksman with pistol and rifle. His wife and eight-year-old daughter are also enthusiasts. There, it was necessary to have some provision for target shooting on an ordinary 90 by 150-foot city lot.

So, with Architect McAlister, he planned a shooting gallery and it was constructed with reinforced concrete in the form of a tunnel three feet wide and four feet high, starting from the recreation room in the rear of the lot and running under the badminton and handball court and terminating under the house 90 feet away.

Today that shooting gallery, entered by means of a ship's ladder leading to a small room where Felker stores his arms and ammunition, is an excellent bomb shelter and a place where Felker and his friends can practice target shooting, day or night, rain or shine.

Redwood ties backed up by steel plates form the backing of the target. A fresh air intake installed near the termination of the shooting gallery and an exhaust fan in the marksman's pit provides good ventilation. The pit is lined with Celotex insulation board as is the ceiling of the tunnel to the target to make it soundproof. Spotlights illuminate the target, which is returnable to the pit for replacing bulbs and making any other adjustments necessary.

It is impossible to hear the report of guns or the impact of bullets in the house. The tunnel itself is buried two feet under the patio ground level. The cost was about \$750.

Child Welfare Stressed at PTA Council Session

One show, matinee, more constructive P. T. A. programs, and closer supervision of children's leisure hours, were objectives for which Lomita-San Pedro Council, P. T. A., went on record at the meeting last Thursday at Orange Street school.

Mrs. Charles Edmunds, reporting on P. T. A. child welfare, stressed the importance of building emotional stability in children and promoting constructive activity. Recent figures show an increase of 22 per cent of juvenile delinquency. Mrs. Joseph Bader spoke on the necessity of studying and working for tolerance.

Mrs. Robert Thompson, council treasurer, will be at the home of Mrs. J. Marriott, 2806 255th st., Friday, March 13, to receive treasurers' reports and money for membership. Mrs. Daniel Dalley, Red Cross chairman of Tenth District, made an appeal for the Blood Bank.

Mrs. J. Marriott spoke on importance of framing charters and hanging them in the auditoriums. She suggested that it might be better if council meetings followed Tenth District board sessions so that latest reports could be carried back to local associations.

Mrs. W. J. Schroeder, president of Gateway Council, was a special guest and Mrs. Elizabeth Lilley, acting principal of Orange Street school while Miss Emma Anderson is in the hospital, was introduced by Mrs. Earle Roberts, president of Orange Street P. T. A.

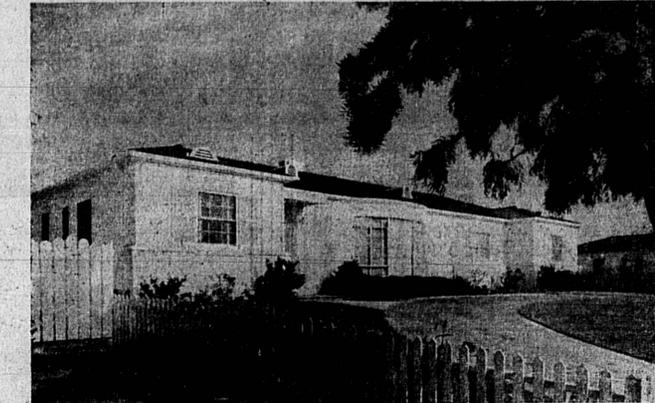
The tables were decorated to represent the 12 months of the year. Life memberships were reported given to Mrs. A. C. Turner, Fern Avenue, Mrs. Florence Meng, Orange Street, Mrs. C. B. Harris, Cabrillo P. T. A.

State Picnic-Reunions

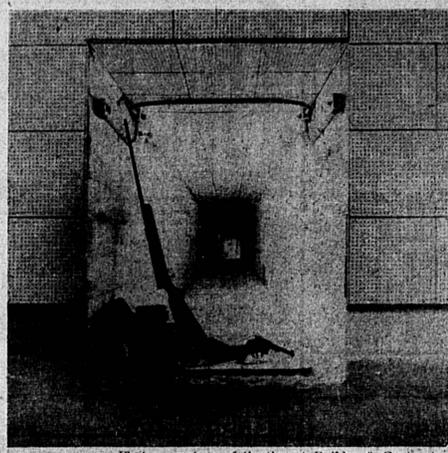
MINNESOTA . . . All former Minnesotans are invited to attend the annual winter picnic in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, Thursday, March 12.

NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA, NEVADA and UTAH . . . These four western states will hold their annual picnics Saturday, March 14, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. Each state will have a separate section and will open county headquarters with registers where friends may meet.

A successful man is one who can make money faster than other men can take it away from him.



Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Max Felker at 1010 Beech ave. provides all the comforts of home and also a hobby requirement that gives them bomb shelter in event of an air raid.



Underground shooting gallery with a 90-foot range provided by a concrete tunnel, waterproofed and insulated so that sound of gunfire cannot be heard in the house. Tunnel is buried two feet under patio ground level.

H. S. Students Cost \$178 to Educate Here

The Los Angeles city high school district spent an average of \$178.77 for current expenditures for each of the 120,899 pupils in average daily attendance in the district in 1940-41 compared with an average of \$173.97 for each of the 122,485 pupils in average daily attendance in 1939-40, study of the expenditures of the 176 larger high school districts in California, just made public by California Taxpayers' Association, shows.

Teachers' salaries per pupil amounted to \$119.65 for 1940-41 compared with \$116.42 the year preceding, the association found. Expenditures for auxiliary agencies amounted to \$4.69 for 1940-41, and to \$4.27 the year preceding. Other current expenditures averaged \$54.43 for 1940-41, compared with \$53.28 in 1939-40.

The expenditure for teachers' salaries is and should be the largest single expenditure item in the cost of the schools, the association stated, pointing out that teachers' salary payments are directly related to the number of teachers employed, the number of pupils per teacher, and the trend of the enrollment.

"Over the state as a whole, high school attendance is now actually decreasing, preliminary checks for the current school year indicating that the decrease will be at least two or three per cent," the association declared, pointing out that if school enrollments and attendance follow their normal pre-war trends, declines may be expected.

pected in the senior high school level until 1949.

First Aid Force Being Readied Here for Service

Several more volunteers for the three essential emergency services of the first aid set-up were signed at the Monday evening meeting at Red Cross headquarters, 1526 Cravens ave. These services are (1) First Aid Detachment units working out of casualty clearing stations, directed by physicians, nurses and Casper Clemmer, first aid chairman whose phone is 850; (2) Motor Corps drivers under direction of Mrs. Ethel Sears, chairman, whose phone is 470, and (3) appointment of two first aiders to man each air raid warden's post under direction of Jack Hallanger, phone 1233.

Those wishing to volunteer for any of these emergency services may do so through their first aid instructor or by calling the Red Cross headquarters, phone 1524. Volunteers are completing advanced courses in first aid and qualifying as physically fit before being given emergency identification.

A new Standard First Aid course started Tuesday evening at Red Cross headquarters with Fred Folte as instructor. This is a class for air raid wardens but is open to the general public.

Truck Garden Planting Shows Decrease in County

Because of the unsettled situation as it applies to Japanese truck farmers, less than the usual amount of vegetable and berry planting has taken place in areas close to the coast.

Inland, nearly normal plantings are progressing. Crops now growing on lands farmed by Japanese have for the most part been cared for. Some acreage formerly occupied by Japanese has been taken over by other growers and cultural operations already begun.

Milk Prices Boosted Half Cent a Quart

Ordered by the state department of agriculture, the price of milk at local stores was increased one-half cent a quart as of March 1.

The price raise was made because of an increase of seven per cent in the price of feed since last December, and provisions of the Desmond bill provide for a boost in retail prices to keep pace with mounting production costs, it was explained.

RECORD REGISTRATION

An out-of-state influx of automobiles was credited today with an all-time high registration of 3,204,283 motor vehicles of all classes for 1941. There were 3,163,394 paid registrations, exceeding the 1940 total by 207,442 vehicles. In addition, there were 35,305 registered by dealers.

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